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(57) Abstract: A method of forming a microlens, comprising providing a doped glass having at least one metallic component other than copper, and locally irradiating the doped glass by a continuous wave laser beam, so as to melt a portion of the doped glass, thereby to form the microlens.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,768,022 A (LAWANDY) 16 June 1998 (16.06.1998), col. 3, line 57 to col. 8, line 9.	1-65, 142-173
Y		66-141, 174-221
Y	JP 59-190240 A (TOYOTA MOTOR CORP.) 29 October 1984 (29.10.1984), English abstract.	96-141, 174-221
X	US 6,218,774 B1 (POPE) 17 April 2001 (17.04.2001), figures 5 and 6 and col. 16, lines 26-47.	66-87

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

Group I claim(s) 1-65, drawn to a method of making microlenses.

Group II, claim(s) 66-87, drawn to microlenses.

Group III, claim(s) 88-95, drawn to optical devices.

Group IV, claim(s) 96-221, drawn to methods of doping glass and making microlenses.

The inventions listed as Groups I, II, III and IV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the feature common to all four claim groups, i.e. non-copper doped glass microlens, is not novel because it is disclosed by US 5,604,635 A (Lowandy) in col. 6, lines 5-27 and 52-68. Therefore, there is no corresponding special technical feature of all four claim groups.

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